

REMARKS

The Office Action dated April 19, 2005, been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

By this Amendment, claims 1-31 have been amended. No new matter has been added. The amendments to the claims do not narrow the scope of the claims. Claims 1-31 are pending and respectfully submitted for consideration.

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter in claims 1-31.

Claims 1-31, in particular claims 1, 2, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Applicants have amended claims 1 and 13, responsive to the rejection.

With respect to the rejection of claim 2, the Office Action took the position that the phrase "the electroconductive element is the seat of an electromotive force is not understood". The seat of an electromotive force is defined as a device that is able to maintain a potential difference between two points to which it is attached. See Fundamentals of Physics, Second Edition page 518 (1981) (attached). As such, the phrase the electroconductive element is the seat of an electromotive force is definite. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 2.

Claims 1-31 were objected to for minor informalities. The Applicants have amended claims responsive to the objection.

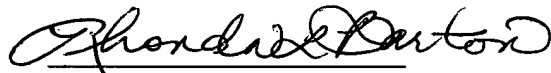
The Applicants have also amended claims 1-31 to remove the reference numerals.

In view of the above amendments, the Applicants submit that all claims are in compliance with U.S. patent practice. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections and rejections, allowance of claims 1-31, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing Attorney Docket No. 023349-00280.**

Respectfully submitted,



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